

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in the present application. Claims 4, 6, 11, 14, 19-21, 23-29, 36 and 37 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 17 and 30 have been rejected, and claims 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-18, 22 and 31-35 have been objected to. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 17 and 30 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 and 5-8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,565,599. A terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) to obviate these double patenting rejections.

Claims 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-18, 22 and 31-35 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The terminal disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejections of independent claims 1, 17 and 30, and therefore dependant claims 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-18, 22 and 31-35 should be allowable.

The Examiner acknowledged that claims 1 and 17 were generic, and therefore withdrawn claims 4, 6, 11, 14, and 19-21, which depend from either independent claim 1 or independent claim 17, should now be considered and allowed.

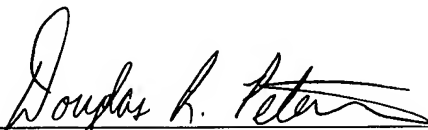
In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims and those withdrawn claims that are dependent upon a generic claim are now in condition

for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested and allowance at an early date is solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account no. 06-2425 for any unforeseen fees arising from the filing of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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